

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth above and the following remarks.

Claims 25-27, 31-33, and 49, as well as claims 34-36, have been allowed. Also, claim 1 has been amended to include limitations recited in canceled claim 2, claim 9 has been amended to include limitations recited in canceled claim 10, and claim 17 has been amended to include limitations recited in canceled claim 18. As the Examiner indicated that each of claims 2, 10, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants believe each of claims 1, 9, and 17 is allowable, as amended. Further, the Applicants have canceled claims 37-40, without prejudice

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-27, 31-36, and 49 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of such claims.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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